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AMERICAN DESTINY PARTY ABOUT TO DISBAND

McWilliams Dissatisfied with Progress Made by His Fifth Column Group; Has Plans for "More Important" Work

The Hour learns that the dissolution of the American Destiny Party is imminent. The rank and file members are as yet unaware their organization is about to break up. But word has been passed around among the leadership. Already Joseph McWilliams, Destiny Party fuehrer, has cancelled all future meetings at Astoria Casino, the Party hang-out in Queens, New York.

There are various reasons for the disbanding of this storm-troop group, which grew out of the Christian Mobilizers. Petty rivalries have divided the ADP hierarchy. McWilliams, who has boasted of being a careful student of Hitler's strategy, made a practise of playing his lieutenants against one another, in order to fortify his own position. He carried this policy too far, with the result that his organization became weakened by intense inner strife.

Moreover, there has been considerable disagreement concerning the attitude the Party should adopt toward the America First Committee. Some were eager to maintain an enthusiastic endorsement of the Committee's platform; others said the Committee had "double-crossed" them by not allowing Destiny men to play a sufficiently prominent role.

Another cause of the demise of the Destiny Party is the fact that the criminal records of various of its stormtroop chieftains have continued to bring detrimental publicity.

The main reason, however, appears to be McWilliams' interest in his own career. He feels that his talents are cramped within the Party confines, that he has grown too big for this petty fascist band. He has confided to a few intimates that he is scheduled for "far more important work." He points out that in the present national emergency there is real opportunity for a capable and farsighted leader to rise to Fuehrership in this country. And he wants to be in the race. He admits Lindbergh has won the affection of U. S. Fifth Column elements but declares, with some justification, that he is a better rabble-rouser



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than the ex-Colonel. "Anyway," he says, "this war situation must be taken advantage of. Blaming the war on the Jews is the best weapon we've ever had. And nobody can use it better than me. I'm known as the Jew-hatingest man in the land."

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COUGHLIN MIMICS STREICHER

The vicious anti-Semitism of Father Coughlin's Social Justice today matches that of Julius Streicher's Der Stuermer. The Royal Oak priest has dropped his former pious distinction between "good Jews" and "bad Jews." His Jew-baiting is now all-inclusive and his venom is unrestrained. The following passage, from the May 26 issue of Social Justice, is typical:

"Like every other war, this war will come to an end.

"As happened after every other war, the apostles of war will be blamed for the hardships which will ensue.

"The pro-Semites and the Jews will not be able, in this age of reason, to exculpate themselves.

"Ten years hence, they will be the object of attack, of recrimination, of persecution, of pogroms on a scale which will surpass anything that happened in Europe.

"Ten years hence, appeals based on religion will have no avail. Ten years hence, appeals based on reason will be futile.

"Ten years hence, a handful of analytical men will trace the unmeasured flood of anti-Semitism not to the apostles of peace, but to the apostles of war -- among whom are the Jews themselves."

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HUDSON URGES REVOLT

Charles B. Hudson, editor of the anti-Semitic news-letter, America In Danger!, has for some time been voicing his dissatisfaction with our form of government. Until recently his disgust with democracy was expressed in theoretical terms. He denounced all democratic principles and praised every fascist trend. Now, however, he feels that statements of ideology are insufficient; and he is calling for action. In the last issue of his publication, he urges that our government be overthrown. Like Father Coughlin, he concedes that "Civil War" may be necessary. But this, he points out, is a minor consideration: the main thing is to topple the government. According to Hudson, no exploit could be more patriotic:

"Yes, when we crusade to save the Christian Constitutional Representative REPUBLIC of our Founding Fathers, we are not



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revolting -- no more than Lincoln did. The usurpers now in power in the (not our) Administration, are the ones who revolted away from our Govt 'of the people, by the people, and for the people.' Those NUDEALERS are the real traitors! They are the Benedict Arnolds! The 'real 5th Column' is already entrenched at Washington. They must be ousted -- peaceably or otherwise!"

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JAPANESE PROPAGANDA PIECE

The Japanese are among the most ingenious of the propagandists. But sometimes their inventiveness is carried to extremes. An example is an article in the May 31 issue of the Japanese American Review. The article, which is captioned "Chinese in 500 A. D. Invaded California, Historian Asserts," claims that some 1500 years ago "the Chinese sailed their junks across the Pacific" and "invaded" the West Coast. By this naive inference, Americans are urged to believe that the Chinese, and not the Japanese, menace the peace of this hemisphere.

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JAMES MILLER AND LABOR MAGAZINE

On May 17, The Hour carried an article revealing that Labor Magazine, a periodical published in Muskogee, Oklahoma, was taking part in a campaign to spread anti-Semitism in unions and in this way to disrupt organized labor. We pointed out that this campaign was engineered and is supported by Fifth Column elements in this country; and that Robert Edmondson, one of the editors of Labor, has for some time been working in intimate contact with the Nazis. Mentioned in our article as a contributor to the publication was James W. Miller, Vice Chairman of the Missouri State Legislative Board of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

We are now in receipt of a letter from Mr. Miller, to whom we sent a copy of our item on Labor. He states that, "as an officer in a great labor organization; a member of the American Civil Liberties Union, and the Worker's Defense League," he is grateful for our informing him of the true nature of Labor Magazine; and he encloses a copy of a letter which he sent, subsequent to receiving The Hour material, to A. L. McKenney, editor of Labor. In his letter to McKenney he says:

"You will recall that, following the receipt by me of the May issue of The Labor Magazine, I wrote you deplored your expression of anti-Semitic views as printed therein ...

"At the time I was asked to serve on the Advisory Board I was unaware of your anti-Semitic views. ... Since I have had no reply from you in regard to my expressed views on these matters, and having no desire to interfere with your



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right freely to give expression to your thoughts, it must be my decision to request and insist that you remove my name from among those serving on the Advisory Board of The Labor Magazine."

The concluding paragraph of this letter, however, indicates that Miller is not averse to continuing as a contributor to this fascist, anti-Semitic publication. He remarks that Labor Magazine has "carried many fine articles dealing with the people's right to a constitutional monetary system," that he himself has contributed and hopes to continue contributing articles on this subject, and that "it is my belief that you will wish to print contributions by me on the subject regardless of my withdrawal from the Advisory Board."

In other words, James Miller wishes to have his name removed from the masthead of Labor Magazine; but he has no objection to his articles appearing alongside Nazi propaganda in this anti-labor, Jew-baiting journal.

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BANTA PROTESTS

In describing the fascist attendance at the Lindbergh rally held at Manhattan Center, New York City, on April 23, The Hour mentioned that Edwin P. Banta was among those present. We characterized Banta as "a former witness before the Dies Committee, now employed by the American Women Against Communism, a fascist organization."

Banta has sent us a letter of protest. He indignantly declares that he has been "continuously unemployed since April 26, 1939," and that his services to the American Women Against Communism are rendered "without financial consideration of any kind."

Included with Banta's letter, which was mailed from the offices of the American Women Against Communism, were various pieces of propaganda literature indicating, according to Banta, the "patriotic" nature of the organization. Across the top of one of the leaflets Banta has written this note to The Hour: "You are attacking Americans apparently for no other reason than that they are Christians."

The extent of Banta's "Christian" and "patriotic" inclinations can be surmised from his consistent support to the Nazi movement in this country, from the articles he has written for Bund papers (see early issues of the Deutscher Beobachter), from his close cooperation with the fascist American Patriots and other Fifth Column groups, and from such characteristic observations as, "I am a despiser of the Jews."